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SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK: EVACUATION OF CIS PERSONNEL FROM KOLWEZI

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1. CIS OFFICIALS AT KINSHASA, AFTER CONTINUING RADIO CONVERSATIONS  
WITH THEIR CAMP AT KOLWEZI, TOLD EMBASSY AT 1500 LOCAL TIME ON MAY 16

THAT THEY NOW PLAN DEFINITELY TO EVACUATE DEPENDENTS IF NOT STABILIZED  
IN FAVOR OF GOZ

BY THE TIME THE OPERATION IS UNDERWAY, CIS INTENDS TO BRING OUT  
ALL PERSONNEL AT KOLWEZI CAMP. FINAL DECISION NUMBERS TO BE  
EVACUATED WILL BE MADE DURING EVACUATION PROCESS ITSELF.

2. CIS'S THREE AIRPLANES (2DC3'S AND AZTEC) AND TWO HELICOPTERS  
ARE NOW LOCATED AT ST. PIERRE/KANANGA.

3. DURING NIGHT OF MAY 16- CIS PLAN TO MOVE TWO HELICOPTERS  
FROM KANANGA TO KANIAMA. BOTH HELOS WOULD LEAVE KANIAMA CAMP AT  
0530 AND ARRIVE AT MUSONOIE CAMP AT 0730. FIRST HELO WOULD LEAVE  
MUSONOIE AT 0745 AND ARRIVE AT CIS CAMP KOLWEZI AT 0815. ENROUTE  
TO KOLWEZI LEAD HELO WOULD PERFORM ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE, EXAMINE  
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KOLWEZI STRIP, PICK UP FOUR TO SIX PASSENGERS (PREFERABLY DEPENDENTS),

AND ASSIST CIS MANAGEMENT TO MAKE DECISION CONCERNING HOW REMAINDER  
OF EVACUATION TO PROCEED. SECOND HELO WOULD TAKE OFF FROM  
MUSONOIE FOR KOLWEZI APPROXIMATELY WHEN FIRST HELO IS DEPARTING  
KOLWEZI FOR RETURN TO MUSONOIE. AT LEAST TWO ROUND TRIPS BY EACH

HELICOPTERS ARE ANTICIPATED, AND UNLESS DECISION IS MADE TO BRING IN DC-3'S OR TO MOVE SOME PERSONNEL BY ROAD, HELICOPTERS WOULD CONTINUE TO SHUTTLE UNTIL ALL PERSONNEL ARE EVACUATED. ETA FOR LAST HELICOPTER RUN FROM KOLWEZI TO MUSONOIE APPROXIMATELY 1530 LOCAL MAY 17.

4. FIRST DC-3 WOULD LEAVE ST. PIERRE/KANANGA AT 0745 MAY 17 AND ARRIVE MUSONOIE AT 1000 TO WAIT UNTIL 20 EVACUEES COLLECTED. THAT PLANE WOULD DEPART MUSONOIE ABOUT 1030 AND ARRIVE BACK AT ST. PIERRE AT 1245. SECOND DC-3 WOULD DEPART ST. PIERRE AT 1045 AND ARRIVE AT MUSONOIE AT 1300 TO COLLECT SECOND GROUP OF 20 EVACUEES, LEAVE MUSONOIE NO LATER THAN 1530, AND ARRIVE AT KANANGA AT 1745.

5. BOTH PLANES MUST ARRIVE BACK AT KANANGA DURING DAYLIGHT SINCE AIRPORT THERE HAS NO RUNWAY LIGHTS. THEREFORE, IF EVACUEES FOR SECOND FLIGHT FROM MUSONOIE HAVE NOT BEEN ASSEMBLED BY 1530 THEY WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT WITH DC-3, WHICH WOULD RETURN TO KANANGA ON MAY 18. BOTH HELICOPTERS WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN MUSONOIE OVERNIGHT. ANY EVACUEES TRAVELLING BY ROAD COULD BE BROUGHT OUT FROM MUSONOIE TO KANANGA IN TWO HELICOPTERS.

5. THERE ARE 11 CIS EMPLOYEES AT MUSONOIE CAMP WHICH HAS A DISPENSARY, KITCHEN FACILITIES, AND FUEL FOR AIRCRAFT.

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6. EMBASSY IS CONSULTING WITH CIS KINSHASA TO DETERMINE WHAT ASSISTANCE EMBASSY MIGHT PROVIDE AT KANANGA, I.E. DATTA PLANE, CONSULAR OFFICER, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, OR SUPPLIES.

7. WE HAVE CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL BABIA FOR EVACUATION AND WE ARE PROVIDING HIM AFTERNOON MAY 16 DETAILS OF CIS PLANS OUTLINED ABOVE.  
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